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REPORTS

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT AND KEEPERS

OF THE

ARKANSAS PENITENTIARY,

TO THE GOVERNOR

OF THE

State of Arkansas,

OCTOBER 10TH, 1856.

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REPORT

OF THE

ARCHITECT AND INSPECTOR

OF THE

WORK AT THE PENITENTIARY.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
September 29th, 1856.

To His Excellency, ELIAS N. CONWAY,
Governor of Arkansas:

SIR—Under the provisions of an "act to provide for the building of a work-shop within the walls of the Penitentiary, approved the 12th January, 1855," Messrs. George & Robins became the contractors, for the sum of eighteen thousand dollars ($18,000.

You having done me the honor to appoint me Architect or Inspector of said building, I have the honor to report to you, that the said work-shop has been finished and completed, as well as the repairs of the Penitentiary House, and the grading. In the execution of their contract, Messrs. George & Robins have complied fully and faithfully with the terms of the law and their contract—they have done the State full justice, and themselves much credit,—and I have this day received the same, on the part of the State, and the contractors have been paid in full for the work.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN HUTT.

REPORT

OF THE

KEEPERS OF THE PENITENTIARY.

ARKANSAS PENITEFTIARY,
October 9th, 1856.

To His Excellency, ELIAS N. CONWAY,
Governor of the State of Arkansas:

SIR—The undersigned, as contractors and keepers of the Penitentiary, respectfully present the following report:

Under a contract with the proper authorities, on the 25th day of January, 1855, we undertook to keep the Penitentiary for two years, and construct, during that time, a certain brick building, to answer the purpose of a work-shop, 150 feet long, 40 feet wide, 2 stories high, and covered with slate; also to make some repairs on the main building, for the sum of eighteen thousand dollars. The whole of the work, which we contracted to do, has been completed by us and inspected and received by your appointed agent, Gen. John Hutt, and paid for by the proper officers of the State; and all our other duties, as keepers of the Penitentiary, have been performed in a manner proper and satisfactory, we trust, to all parties, up to this time. Our subsisting contract will expire on the 12th of January next, when we shall be prepared to deliver up our trust to the proper State authority, or to turn it over to such other person as may be employed by them, as our successor.

The occasion seems appropriate for submitting a few remarks, such as our experience has suggested, in respect to the present condition and future care of the establishment. The present exterior stone wall, built under a former contract, is substantial and durable, as far as it has been carried up, and affords good general security against the escape of prisoners; but, owing to the system of offsets adopted in its construction, (to accomodate it to the uneven surface of the ground,) deemed necessary to comply with the law under which it was built, the top of the wall is not only of unequal height, but also of unequal thickness in several parts of its extent. It thus presents an unfinished

and unsightly appearance. Indeed, it is unfinished as a piece of masonry, inasmuch as it lacks the usual and proper capping of stones. This was not provided for in the contract, under which it was built by us, and we did not feel authorised to add it on our own responsibility, as it would be hardly suitable to the present inequality of the wall in height and thickness. Moreover, we expected, as intimated in our report of 1854, that the carrying up the whole wall to the same height and thickness, would be provided for, and that this capping can then be more appropriately put on. In our opinion, this addition, in order to give equality of height and thickness, and finish to the wall, is not only desirable for the sake of appearance, but is necessary to give due stability and durability to the top of the whole structure. And as the present height of the wall (18 feet,) is not deemed quite high enough to ensure that perfect security for which it was intended, we think it would be advisable, while engaged in the additions above suggested, (if they should be provided for) to increase the present height of the wall some four or five feet all around.

Owing to the increased number of convicts, it is necessary that the number of cells, for their confinement, should be increased. There are now 90 prisoners, and only 84 cells. In consequence of this, we have to confine some of them in the old work-shops within the same building, which are not suitable or secure enough for such a purpose. In this building, if the partition walls and old work-shops be taken out, there will be space enough left for another block of 84 cells, as large as the old one. But it is proper to remark, in this connection, that we have found the dimensions of the present cells too small, and, even if these should not be enlarged, we think that the new ones, which are now necessary, should be made larger; sufficiently large, at least, to accommodate two persons, and to be so used in cases of sickness. This is almost indispensable indeed, unless a separate building, for a hospital, shall be erected. But that a hospital should be built, we think there can be no reasonable question. Humanity, at least, requires it. A building, for this purpose, can be conveniently constructed as a wing of the old building, and so arranged that the hospital shall occupy one side of it, and a kitchen (which is also needed) the other; or, what would, perhaps, be better for both purposes, it might have two stories, the kitchen below and the hospital above.

The old building, containing the cells, old work-shops, etc.

etc., needs a new roof—the present roof is in a decaying condition. A new one of slate, such as that on the new building, is required. Besides the upper (3d) tier of cells, extending up close to the old roof, are not, and, as at present situated, can not be sufficiently ventilated for the ordinary comfort and health of the convicts in summer-time; the closeness and heat of the air in those cells, make it improper and inhumane to put any one in them. This difficulty can be obviated, when the new roof of the old building, now necessary, as above stated, comes to be put on, by adding about 8 feet to the present height of its outer walls, and putting in a row of upper windows. It would be proper, also, we think, to ceil or plaster the underside of the new roof to the block; then, with sash and glass windows, proper ventilation could be had in warm weather; and, by the use of stoves, the whole building could be properly warmed in winter-time.

We deem it our duty to repeat the recommendation, made in our report of 1854, that an additional work-shop, 50 feet long by 35 feet wide, one story high, and roofed with slate, be provided for, and to urge again, as then, respectfully but earnestly, that "a warden or keeper's house" is also very necessary to the comfort and even safety of the place—the immediate (and almost constant) presence of that officer being imperatively demanded.

While we are aware that there is no law which requires us to make any recommendation, we yet trust that such as we have made will not be regarded as either ill-timed or out of place. In the double capacity of builders and keepers of the Penitentiary, for something more than four years past, our experience has not only forced upon our serious attention the several matters of which we have spoken, but afforded us means and opportunity of judging of them practically, beyond the reach of other persons, and we have thus been convinced of the truth and importance of the views we have ventured to express.

In respect, particularly, to the measures we have recommended, for improving the health and comfort of the prisoners, not only do we think they are demanded upon the general grounds of humanity and true economy, but we have good reason to believe that much of the sickness in the Penitentiary, within the last few years, may be directly traced to a want of them.

For a statement in detail, of the condition of the Penitentiary, the number of convicts received during the past two years, also those pardoned, restored to citizenship, discharged by sentence,

those of escapes, died, etc., etc., we refer to the accompanying tables, marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I. We also attach the medical report of the attending physician, enclosed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE & ROBINS, *Contractors and Keepers of the Arkansas Penitentiary.*

TABLE A—No. 1.

LIST OF CONVICTS—Remaining in the Arkansas State Penitentiary, on October 1st, 1856.

	NAMES OF CONVICTS.	Ages when received.	Counties sent from.	Crimes.	Terms of sentence.	When committed to prison.	Previous occupation.	Occupation now employed in.	
1	WILLIAM PETERS	22 years.	Crawford	Rape	10 yr's	June 15, 1849.	Drummer in U.S.A.	Cooper	1
2	ALLEN STANTON	52	Pulaski	Murder in 2d degree	7	Feb'y 15, 1850.	Farmer	Laborer	2
3	GEORGE WALTERS	40	Washington	Negro stealing	10	April 30, 1850.	Farmer	Wagon maker	3
4	JESSE A. HOUSE	42	Chicot	do do	15	April 26, 1851.	Farmer	Painter	4
5	JOEL H. TUGGLE	38	Pulaski	Manslaughter	21	August 7, do	Farmer	Tailor	5
6	FRANCIS FENNERTY	26	Washington	As'lt and bat. int. to kill	6½	May 26, do	Laborer	Wagon maker	6
7	WILBIRD BASS	24	Izard	Horse stealing	7½	Oct. 21, do	Farmer	Boot, shoemaker	7
8	WILLIAM WYNN	26	Izard	do do	6	Oct. 21, do	Farmer	do do	8
9	WILLIAM RANDOLPH	31	Chicot	Negro stealing	10	Nov. 5, do	Carriage maker	Carriage maker	9
10	BARNEY McGOWAN	23	Pulaski	Murder in 2d degree	7½	Jan. 17, 1852.	Laborer	Blacksmith	10
11	HENRY ALLEN	27	Union	Horse stealing	5	May 2, do	Farmer	Wagon maker	11
12	BENJAMIN F. BARTLET	33	Lawrence	Murder in 2d degree	21	May 13, do	Farmer	Cooper	12
13	JOHN M. LANE	62	Pulaski	Horse stealing	5	June 19, do	Farmer	Invalid	13
14	WILLIAM JOHNSON	33	Lafayette	Negro stealing	12	July 20, do	Sailor	Hower	14
15	CLAIBORNE THOMAS	15	Carroll	Horse stealing	5	Oct. 21, do	Laborer	Blacksmith	15
16	DAVID BIXBY	55	Hempstead	Murder	15	Jan. 24, 1853.	Farmer and carp'tr	Laborer	16
17	SAMUEL HAYS *alias* JONES	25	Crawford	Forgery	5	Feb'y 21, do	Gent. of leisure	Wagon maker	17
18	PATRICK GRIFFIN	24	Mississippi	Murder in 2d degree	7	May 15, do	Laborer	do do	18
19	JOHN E. LAND	34	Pulaski	Forgery	7	June 7, do	Teacher	Hospital steward	19
20	WILLIAM GOLDON	37	Mississippi	Murder in 1st degree	21	June 8, do	Laborer	Laborer	20
21	SAMUEL KELLONS	73	Pope	Horse stealing	5	Sept. 26, do	Preacher Bap. Ch.	Tailor	21
22	SAMUEL CROOCKS	35	Independence	do do	5	Oct. 3. do	Laborer	Laborer	22
23	JOHN KEITH	53	Fulton	Kidnapping	3	Nov. 11, do	Farmer	do	23
24	ARMSTRONG MULLINS	27	Lawrence	Fellonious assault	3	Nov. 18, do	Farmer	do	24
25	EDWARD HARDEN	27	Crawford	Murder	21	Jan'y 17, 1854.	Tailor	Tailor	25
26	JOHN B. HERNDON	28	Crawford	As'lt with int. to murder	3	Jan'y 17, do	Blacksmith	Blacksmith	26
27	REBECCA WILKINS	23	Newton	Manslaughter	5	April 14, do		Sewing	27
28	WILLIAM HARLIS	50	Mississippi	Murder in 2d degree	21	May 14, do	Laborer	Laborer	28
29	WILLIAM ROSE	39	Sebastian	Horse stealing	5	Aug. 16, do	Farmer	do	29
30	CLAIBORNE UNDERWOOD	52	Pope	Murder in 2d degree	21	Sept. 24, do	Farmer & teamster	Cook	30
31	JOSEPH WHITNEY	26	Saline	Larceny	2	Oct. 23, do	Clerk	Tailor	31
32	GEORGE W. SCOGGIN	26	Jefferson	Negro stealing	10	Nov. 14, do	Gent. of leisure	Carpenter	32

33	JOHN EDWARDS	18	Scott	Burglary and larceny	4	Dec. 5,	1854.	Laborer	Blacksmith	33
34	WILLIAM EDWARDS	18	do	do do	4	Dec. 5,	do.	do	do	34
35	JOHN SEAMONS	16	do	do do	4	Dec. 5,	do.	do	do	35
36	JAMES SEAMONS	20	do	do do	4	Dec. 5,	do.	do	Wagon maker	36
37	WILLIAM H. DELANY	34	Calhoun	Horse stealing	7	Dec. 11,	do.	Farmer	Blacksmith	37
38	JAMES BEDELL	33	Pulaski	Larceny	3	Dec. 19,	do.	do	Cook	38
39	EMANUEL BENTON	20	Jefferson	do	5	Jan'y 19,	1855.	do	Carpenter	39
40	WM. SCOTT *alias* JOHN B. LESTER	27	Phillips	Negro stealing	14	Feb'y 21,	do.	Physician & Engi.	Saddler	40
41	WILLIAM DICKISON	28	Green	Burglary	3	April 10,	do.	Machinist	Machinist	41
42	ATHENIOUS W. BRITTON	28	Arkansas	Larceny	2	May 1,	do.	Distiller	Woodchopper	43
43	ELI OVERTON	24	Conway	Forgery	5	Sept. 17,	do.	Farmer	Waiter	33
44	IRA A. PRICE	23	Bradley	Horse stealing	5	Sept. 28,	do.	do	Wagon maker	44
45	RICHARD F. ERWALT	29	Chicot	Oxen stealing	10	Oct. 20,	do.	Laborer	do do	45
46	JOHN JONDON	21	do	Horse stealing	5	Oct. 20,	do.	do	Shoe maker	46
47	LOGAN PRYON	23	Monroe	do do	6	Oct. 30,	do.	Farmer	Blacksmith	47
48	JOHN SCRIMPSHER	35	Washington	Larceny	1¼	Nov. 13,	do.	do	Wagon maker	48
49	JAMES CUCKRUM, Sr	55	Fulton	Fellonious assault	3 1 dy	Nov. 15,	15.	do	Cooper	49
50	SAMUEL G. POWELL	46½	Bradley	Manslaughter	2	Nov. 28,	do.	do	Laborer	50
51	CHARLES BROWN	23	Hempstead	Larceny	3	Dec. 24,	do.	Laborer	Tailor	51
52	WILLIAM HALL	28	Jackson	do	1	Jan'y 1,	1856.	Sailor	Laborer	52
53	IRA CHANDLER	44	do	Fellonious assault	3	Jan'y 1,	do.	Farmer	Invalid	53
54	JACOB S. COHN	19	Pulaski	adminis. poison int. kill	7	Jan'y 3,	do.	Baker	Washer	54
55	BENJAMIN BIBB	35	Crawford	Arson and larceny	7	Feb'y 24,	do.	Stonecutter	Wagon maker	55
56	AUGUSTUS LAWLESS	64	do	Negro stealing	7	Feb'y 20,	do.	Farmer	do do	56
57	SAMUEL MELONEY	53	Pope	Murder in 2d degree	7	March 24,	do.	do	Invalid	57
58	DANIEL PAGE, free-man-of-color	40	Jefferson	Attempt to poison	21	May 16,	do.	Boating	Wagon maker	58
59	LENOIR BRYON	45	Columbia	Assault with int. to kill	13	May 18,	do.	Farmer	Shoe maker	59
60	JAMES D. COOK	43	Crittenden	Larceny	1	June 2,	do.	Carpenter	Carpenter	60
61	NATHANIEL SPRAGGINS	30	Hempstead	Enticing runaway slave	2	June 21,	do.	do	do	61
62	SIMPSON MIXON	26	do	Larceny	5	June 21,	do.	Laborer	Laborer	62
63	ROEDEN BRADLEY	37	Desha	Murder in 2d degree	9	June 23,	do.	Farmer	Carpenter	63
64	JOHN DUNAHO, *alias* JOHN DUNN	25	do	Manslaughter	5	June 23,	do	Boating	Shoe maker	64
65	LOUIS MEYER	35	Pulaski	Murder in 2d degree	21	July 2,	do.	Baker	do do	65
66	WILLIAM MEEKS	32	Sebastian	Horse stealing	7	Sept. 6,	do.	Farmer	do do	65
67	RICHARD BLACKSTONE	17	Independence	Enticing runaway slaves	2	Sept. 19,	do.	do	Wagonmaker	67
68	WILLIAM STEWART	19	Pope	Larceny	2	Sept. 22,	do.	do	Laborer	68
69	FRANKLIN F. TUCKER	30	Independence	do	2½	Sept. 22,	do.	do	do	69
70	WILLIAM SMITH	30	W. U. S. District	Horse stealing	1	Dec. 15,	1855.	U. S. soldier	Cook	70
71	PETER HUNT	21	do	do do	1	Dec. 15,	do.	do	Blacksmith	71
72	THOMAS BURKHEAD	27	do	do do	1	Dec. 15,	do.	Teacher in Nation.	Cook	72
73	JOSEPH GRAVES, Indian	19	do	do do	1	Dec. 15.	do.	Laborer	Laborer	73

TABLE A.—No. 1.—Continued.

	NAMES OF CNNVICTS.	Ages when received.	Counties sent from.	Crimes.	Terms of sentedce.	When committed to prison.	Previous occupation.	Occupation now employed in.	
74	JACK BELL, an Indian	20 years.	W. U. S. District	Horse stealing	1 yr's	Dec. 15, 1855.	Laborer	Laborer	74
75	TYER, an Indian	32	do	do do	1 ..	Jan'y 5, 1856.	do	do	75
76	WESLEY GAIND	15	do	do do	1 ..	Jon'y 5, do .	do	do	76
77	TEACHER, an Indian	26	do	do do	1 ..	June 3, do .	do	do	77
78	BLACKBIRD, an Indian	25	do	do do	1 ..	June 3, do .	do	do	78
79	SNOW DARKNESS, an Indian	20	do	do do	1 ..	June 3, do .	do	do	79
80	THOMAS McCLOSKEY	20	do	do do	1 ..	June 3, do .	U. S. soldier	Wagon maker	80
81	JOHN W. McCARROLL	23	do	do do	1 ..	June 3, do .	Farmer	do do ..	81
82	LABORN CORNETT	24	do	do do	1 ..	June 3, do .	do	do do ..	82
83	TAOMPSON TURNOVER, an Indian	20	do	Assault with int. to kill	2 ..	June 3, do .	do	Laborer	83
84	ARCHIBALD THOMPSON	45	do	Assault with int. to kill	3 ..	June 3, do .	Blacksmieh U.S.A.	Blacksmith	84
85	LAFAYETTE WILLIAMS	17	do	Pass. counterfeit money	3 ..	June 3, do .	Carpenter	Carpenter	85
86	GEORGE HUMMEL	28	do	do do do ..	3 ..	Jnne 3, do .	Cabinet maker	Carriage maker	86

TABLE A—No 2.

	NAMES OF CONVICTS.	Health when admitted.	State of instruction.	Place of nativity.	Habits of life.	Social Relations.	Miscellaneous Remarks.	
1	WILLIAM PETERS	Unknown	No education	Indiana	Temperate	Has a family	Good nature, good behavior	1
2	ALLEN STANTON	do	do	Tennessee	Intemperate	do	Is in feeble health, good behavior	2
3	GEORGE WALTERS	do	Com'n educat'n	Missouri	Temperate	do	Good behavior	3
4	JESSE A. HOUSE	do	Good do	Virginia	Intemperate	Has 4 children.	Moderate behavior, previous very bad	4
5	JOEL H. TUGGLE	do	Can read	Georgia	Temperate	Has a family	do do	5
6	FRANCIS FENERTY	do	Can read	Ireland	Intemperate	do	Previous behavior bad, now good	6
7	WILLBIRD BASS	do	Com'n educat'n	Missouri	Temperate	do	Good behavior	7
8	WILLIAM WYNN	do	do	North Carolina	do	do	Good behavior, previous bad	8
9	WILLIAM RANDOLPH	do	do	Missouri	do	Has 3 children	do do do	9
10	BARNEY McGOWEN	do	do	Ireland	Intemperate	Single man	do do do	10
11	HENRY ALLEN	do	do	Kentucky	do	Has a family	do do do	11
12	BENJ. F. BARTLET	do	do	Ohio	do	do	do	12
13	JOHN MELONE LANE	do	do	South Carolina	Temperate	Has a son	do	13
14	WILLIAM JOHNSON	Good	No education	New York	do	Single man	Bad behavior, escaped twice	14
15	CLAIBORNE THOMAS	do	do	Tennessee	do	do	Good behavior	15
16	DAVID BIXBY	do	Com'n educat'n	New York	Intemperate	Has a family	do	16
17	SAM HAYS *alias* JONES	Mid good	do	Tennessee	do	Single man	do	17
18	PATRICK GLIFFEN	Good	Can read	Ireland	do	do	do	18
19	JOHN E. LAND	Feeble	Good educati'n	Virginia	Temperate	Has a wife	do bad health	19
20	WILLIAM GOLDON	Very bad	Com'n educat'n	Ireland	do	Single man	do commuted from hanging	20
21	SAMUEL KELLONS	Feeble	do	Virginia	do	do	Moderate behavior according to his age	21
22	SAMUEL CROOKS	Good	do	Kentucky	Intemperate	Has one child	do do previsus bad	22
23	JOHN KEITH	do	Can read	do	do	Has a family	Good behavior	23
24	ARMSTRONG MULLINS	do	No education.	do	do	do	do	24
25	EDWARD HARDEN	do	Com'n do	Pennsylvania.	do	Has a wife	Moderate do 2d impris. in this prison	25
26	JOHN B. HERNDON	do	Good do	Kentucky	do	Single man	Good behavior	26
27	REBECCA WILKINS	do	No do	Tennessee	Temperate	Grass widow	do	27
28	WILLIAM HARLIS	Sick	do do	Alabama	Intemperate	Has 5 children	do is in bad health	28
29	WILLIAM ROSE	Good	Com'n do	Georgia	do	Has a family	Moderate behavior	29
30	C. UNDERWOOD	do	No do	North Carolina	do	Single man	Good behavior	30
31	JOSEPH WHITNEY	Feeble	Good do	New York	Temperate.	do	do	31
32	GEORGE W. SCOGGINS	Good	do do	North Carolina	do	do	do character recom'ed very bad	32
33	JOHN EDWARDS	do	No do	Arkansas	Intemperate	do	do do do do	33
34	WILLIAM EDWARDS	do	do do	do	do	do	do do do do	34

35	JOHN SEAMONS	Good	No education	Alabama	Intemperate	Has a wife	Good behavior, charact'r rec. very bad	35
36	JAMES SEAMONS	do	Can read	do	do	Single man	do do do do do	36
37	WILLIAM H. DELANEY	do	Com'n educat'n	North Carolina	do	Has a family	Good behavior	37
38	JAMES BEDELL	do	do	England	do	do	do	38
39	EMANUEL BENTON	do	No education	South Carolina	Temperate	Single man	do	39
40	WM. SCOTT *alias* J. B. LESTER	do	Com'n educat'n	Georgia	Intemperate	do	do	40
41	WILLIAM DICKISON	do	do	New Wales	do	do	do	41
42	ATHENIOUS W. BRITTON	do	Can read	Pennsylvania	Temperate	do	do	42
43	ELI OVERTON	Crippled	Com'n educat'n	Tennessee	Intemperate	do	do	43
44	IRA A. PRICE	Good	do	North Carolina	Temperate	Has a family	do	44
45	RICHARD T EWALT	do	do	Kentucky	do	Single man	Good behavior, convicted on 2d indict.	45
46	JOHN JONDON	Sick	No ed. in Eng.	Prussia, Europe	Intemperate	do	do	46
47	LOGAN PRYON	Good	Can read	Tennessee	Temperate	Has a wife	do	47
48	JOHN SCRIMPSHER	do	Com'n educat'n	do	do	Has a family	do	48
49	JAMES CUCKRUM, Sr	do	do	South Carolina	Mod. drinker	do	do	49
50	SAMUEL G. POWELL	Feeble	do	do	do	do	do	50
51	CHARLES BROWN	Good	do	Virginia	Temperate.	Single man	Moderate behavior, previous very bed.	51
52	WILLIAM HALL	do	do	New York	Intemperate	do	Good behavior	52
53	IRA CHANDLER	Feeble	No education	Tennessee	Mod. drinker	Has a family	Down sick of rheumatic pains	53
54	JACOB S. COHN	Good	No ed. in Eng.	Prussia, Europe	do	Single man	Good behavior, previous bad	54
55	BENJAMIN F. BIBB	do	Com'n educat'n	Alabama	do	do	do do do	55
56	AUGUSTUS LAWLESS	do	No education	Virginia	Tem. habits	Has 12 children.	do wife di'd since he is in prison	56
57	SAMUEL MELONEY	do	do	Georgia	Intemperate	Has a family	do down with the rheumatism	57
58	DANIEL PAGE, free-man-of-color	do	Can read	Virginia	Temperate	do	do	58
59	LENOIR BRYON	do	Com'n educat'n	Tennessee	do	do	do	59
60	JAMES D. COOK	do	do	Dist. Columbia	Intemperate	Has 2 children	do	60
61	NATHANIEL SPRAGGINS	do	do	Georgia	Temperate	Single man	do	61
62	SIMPSON MIXON	Bad	do	Alabama	do	do	do idiot	62
63	REEDEN BRADLEY	Good	No education	North Carolina	do	do	do	63
64	JNO DUNAHO *alias* JNO DUNN	do	Can read	Pennsylvania	Intemperate	do	do	64
65	LOUIS MEYER	do	Com'n educat'n	France	do	Has a family	do	65
66	WILLIAM MEEKS	Feeble	No education	Pennsylvania	Temperate	do	do	66
67	RICHARD BLACKSTONE	do	Can read	Alabama	Mod. drinker	Single man	do	67
68	WILLIAM STEWART	Good	Com'n educat'n	Tennessee	Intemperate	do	do	68
69	FRANKLIN F. TUCKER	do	do	Kentucky	Mod. drinker	do	do	69
70	WILLIAM SMITH	do	do	Ireland	Intemperate	do	do	70
71	PETER HUNT	do	do	New York	do	do	do	71
72	THOMAS BURKHEAD	Feeble	do	Ohio	Temperate	do	do has lunacy spells	72
73	JOSEPHUS GRAVE, an Indian	Good	No education	Cherokee Nat'n	Intemperate	do	do	73
74	JACK BELL, do	do	do	do do	do	do	do	74
75	TYER, do	Sick	No ed. in Eng.	do do	Moderate	Has a family	do lazy man by nature	75

TABLE A—No. 2.—Continued

	NAMES OF CONVICTS.	Health when admitted.	State of instruction.	Place of nativity.	Habits of life.	Social Relations.	Miscellaneous Remarks.	
76	WESLEY GAIND	Sick	Can read	Tennessee	Temperate	Lad without par.	Moderate behavior	76
77	TEACHER, an Indian	do	No education	Cherokee Nat'n	Intemperate	Has a wife	Good behavior	77
78	BLACKBIRD do	Good	do	do	do	do	do	78
79	SNOW DARKNESS, an Indian	do	do	Sennecca	do	Single man	do	79
80	THOMAS McCLAUSKEY	do	Com'n educat'n	Ireland	Temperate	do	do	80
81	JOHN W. McCARROL	do	do do	Tennessee	do	Has a family	do	81
82	LABORN CORNET	do	Can read	Missouri	do	Single man	do	82
83	THOMPS'N TURNOVER, L.B. Ind.	do	No education	Cherokee Nat'n	Mod. drinker	do	do sick ever since his commital	83
84	ARCHIBALD THMOPSON	do	Com'n educat'n	Ireland	Intemperate	Has a family	do previous recommended bad	84
85	LAFAYETTE WILLIAMS	do	do do	Louisiana	Temperate	Single man	do	85
86	GEORGE HUMMEL	do	do do	Pennsylvania	do	Has a family	do	86

TABLE B.

SHOWING—the number of Prisoners remaining in the Arkansas Penitentiary, on October the 16th, 1854, and received since, up to October 1st, 1856.

Number of Prisoners remaining,		53
Received since from different Courts,	50	
" " " U. S. Courts,	38	
" " runaway slaves,	4	92
Total,		145
Number of State Prisoners pardoned,	9	
" " Prisoners restored to citizenship,	6	
" " " discharged,	9	
" " " died,	2	
" " " remanded back for new trial,	2	
" " " escaped, time expired since,	2	
" " United States Prisoners pardoned,	2	
" " " " " discharged,	19	
" " " " " died,	1	
" " runaway slaves taken out by owners,	3	55
Leaves in confinement, Total,		90

FOR WHAT CRIMES CONVICTED.

Murder in first degree, and commuted from hanging,		1
Murder in 2d degree,		8
Murder,		4
Manslaughter,		3
Assault and battery, with intention to murder,		1
" " " " " " kill,		4
Felonious assault,		3
Administering poison, with intention to kill,		1
Attempt to poison,		1
Larceny, horse stealing,	26	
" negro stealing,	7	
" petit,	12	45
Burglary and larceny,		4
Burglary,		1
Arson and larceny,		1
Inticing runaway slaves,		2
Kidnapping,		1
Forgery,		3
Rape,		1
Passing counterfeit money,		2
Runaway slaves,		4
Total,		90

NATIVITY.

Natives.		*Foreigners.*	
Arkansas,	2	Ireland,	7
Alabama,	6	Prussia,	2
Georgia,	4	France,	1
Kentucky,	7	England,	1
Indiana,	1	New Wales,	1
Louisiana,	1		
Missouri,	4		12
North Carolina,	6	Natives carried,	78
New York,	5		
Ohio,	2	Total,	90
South Carolina,	5		
Pennsylvania,	5		
Tennessee,	12		
Virginia,	6		
District of Columbia,	1		
Cherokee Nation,	7		
Runaway slaves,	4		
	78		

RACE AND SEX.

White males,	77
White females,	1
Indians of different nations,	7
Free men of color,	1
Runaway slaves,	4
Total,	90

AGES WHEN RECEIVED.

Under 20 years of age,	11		
From 20 to 30 years old,	37		
" 30 to 40 " "	20		
" 40 to 50 " "	8		
" 50 to 60 " "	7		
Over 60	2		
" 70	1		
Runaway slaves,	4		
		Total,	90

HABITS OF LIFE, REPORTED BY THEMSELVES.

Temperate,	37	
Intemperate,	38	
Moderate drinkers,	11	
		86
Runaway slaves,		4
Total,		90

SOCIAL RELATIONS.

Has wife and children,	35	Widowers and children,	7
Single,	43	Grass Widow,	1
Runaway slaves,	4		
Total, 90			

EDUCATION.

No education,	26	
Can read,	13	
Common education,	40	
Good education,	7	
		86
Runaway slaves,		4
Total,		90

LENGTH OF SENTENCE IN THIS PRISON.

For 1 year,	5	For 7 years and 6 months,	2
" 1 " and 3 months,	1	" 9 "	1
" 2 years	7	" 10 "	5
" 2 " and 6 months,	1	" 12 "	1
" 3 "	11	" 13 "	1
" 4 "	4	" 14 "	1
" 5 "	14	" 15 "	2
" 6 "	2	" 21 "	8
" 6 " and 6 months,	1	Runaway slaves, until reclaimed by owners,	4
" 7 " "	9		
		Total,	90

COUNTIES SENT FROM.

Arkansas,	1	Jackson,	2
Bradley,	2	Lawrence,	2
Crawford,	6	Lafayette,	1
Conway,	1	Monroe,	1
Carroll,	1	Mississippi,	3
Chicot,	4	Newton,	1
Crittenden,	1	Pulaski,	8
Calhoun,	1	Pope,	4
Columbia,	1	Phillips,	1
Desha,	2	Sebastian,	2
Fulton,	2	Saline,	1
Green,	1	Scott,	4
Hempstead,	4	Union,	1
Izard,	2	Washington,	3
Independence,	3	U. S. District,	17
Jefferson,	3	Runaway slaves,	4
		Total,	90

TABLE C.

List of Convicts pardoned by his Excellency, Franklin Pierce, the President, and Elias N. Conway, the Governor.

	Names of Convicts.	Ages when received.	Counties, and Districts sent from.	Crimes Committed.	Terms of sentence.	When committed to prison.	Place of nativity.	Day of pardon.	
1	THEOPH. W. DEARING,....	38 years,	St. Francis,...	Assault with intention to kill,..	3 years,....	October 20, 1854,	Georgia,....	Nov. 10, 1854,	1
2	MICHAEL MARTIN,.....	21 "	E.U.S.Dsitrict,	Robbery on the high way,.....	5 "	July 2d, 1851,...	Ireland, ...	Jan. 21, 1855,	2
3	HAMILTON MERCER,.....	23 "	Desha, ...	Murder in 2nd degree, ...	10 "	May 27, 1845,...	Ohio,.....	April 23, 1855	3
4	WILLIAM PUGH,.....	47 "	Jefferson,.....	Murder of his own slave, ...	2 "	" 17, 1853,...	N. Carolina,	" 23, 1855	4
5	JAMES E. POWELL.....	23 "	Union,.....	Murder in 2nd degree,.....	6 "	" 1, 1851,....	Alabama,...	May 1, "	5
6	WILLIAM Z. TOURTELOTT,	36 "	Phillips.....	Assault & bat'ry with in't to kill,	5 "	June 18, 1852,...	Louisiana,..	" 14, "	6
7	REUBEN STILL, a slave,.....	24 "	W.U.S District	Larceny,.....	nine months,	December 24,1854	Georgia,....	June 20 "	7
8	WILLIAM P. LIPSCOMB,...	21¾ "	Phillips,.....	Larceny,.....	5 years,....	" 13,1850	Virginia,....	Oct. 10, "	8
9	AND'SON. G. UNDERWOOD,	29 "	Pope,.....	Manslaughter,.....	2 "	March 28, 1854,..	Kentucky, .	Feb'y 19,1856,	9
10	JOHN DUNCAN,.....	26 "	Crawford,.....	Murder in 2nd degree,.....	5 "	August 21, 1851,,	Tennessee,..	June 3 "	10
11	ANDREW ROGERS,.....	30 "	Conway.....	Murder in 2nd degree,.....	21 "	March 16, 1850,..	N. Carolina,	" 23 "	11

TABLE D.

List of Convicts restored to Citizenship by his Excellency, Elias N. Conway, the Governor.

	Names of Convicts.	Ages when received.	Counties sent from.	Crimes Committed.	Terms of sentence.	When committed to prison.	Place of Nativity,	Day of Restoration.	
1	JAMES CONNER,.....	26 years...	Monroe, ...	Larceny,.....	1 year,.....	May 1st, 1854...	Alabama,....	April 23.1855	1
2	JAMES DONALDSON,.....	21 do	Phillips,.	Larceny,.....	1 do	Feb'ry 21, 1855,	Pennsylvania	Feb'y 19.1856	2
3	HILL W. SEAHORN,.....	24 do	Yell,.....	Larceny,.....	1 do	April 2, 1855,...	Tennessee,...	April 1, 1856	3
4	WILLIAM H. BENNET,.....	28 do	Prairie,.....	Larceny,.....	1 do	Sept. 2, 1855,....	do	Aug. 21,1856	4
5	CHARLES S. MARTIN,.....	26 do	do.....	Larceny horsestealing,.....	5 do	do 4, 1851,....	Georgia,.....	do 22. 1856	5
6	MARC HENSON,.....	18 do	Johnson,.....	Larceny,.	1 do	do 25, 1855.....	Tennessee,...	Sept. 17 1856	6

TABLE E.

List of Convicts died, since October the 16th, 1854, up to October the 1st, 1856.

	Names of Convicts.	Ages when received.	Counties sent from.	Crimes Committed.	Terms of sentence.	When committed to prison.	Day of death.	Disease died of.
1	JOHN STEWART,.....	61 years,..	Hot Spring,...	Murder in 2nd degree,.....	7 years,....	March 5th, 1855	July 5th, 1855	Consumption.. .
2	THOMAS S. DOLSTON,.....	31 do	Crawford,.....	Murder in 2nd degree,.....	18 do	August 14th,1854	May 24th, do	kill'd by a conv't.
3	JOHN M. PURNELL,.....	19 do	W.U.S.District	Robbing U. S. Mail,.....	5 do	June 4th, 1855	Sept.22d, 1856	hem'rage of lung.

TABLE F.

List of Convicts discharged by Expiration of Sentence.

	Names of Convicts.	Ages when received.	Counties sent from.	Crimes Committed.	Terms of sentence.	When committed to prison.	Place of birth.	Day of Discharge.	
1	DAVID McGRAY, a Cherokee.	25 years..	Arkansas	Larceny	1 year.....	Nov'r 9, 1853....	N. Carolina.	Nov'r 8, 1854.	1
2	BLUEN, a Cherokee.....	21 do ..	Crawford	Horse stealing.....	5 years.....	Feb'y 25, 1850...	Cher. Nation	Feb'y 24, 1855	2
3	JAMES H. REED.....	30 do ..	Ouachita	Larceny	1 year.....	April 18, 1854...	Kentucky...	April 17, 1855	3
4	JOSEPH WHITE.....	21 do ..	Monroe.....	Larceny	1 do	May 1, 1854.....	Georgia.....	do 30, do	4
5	FRANCIS GARRET....	25 do ..	Crittenden....	Larceny	3 years.....	do 20, 1852.....	Kentucky...	May 19, do	5
6	BERRY H. ROGERS.....	43 do ..	do	Larceny	1 year.....	do 20, 1854.....	do ...	do 19, do	6
7	JAMES D. RIDGE.....	31 do ..	Phillips	Larceny	2 years 3 mo.	June 12, 1853...	Indiana	Sept. 11, do	7
8	FLOATING ICE, a Cherokee..	18 do ..	Crawford	Horse stealing.....	5 do	Feb'y 21, 1851...	Cher. Nation	Feb'y 20, 1856	8
9	LAUGHLIN McDONALD....	34 do ..	Sebastian	Larceny	1 year.....	March 9, 1855...	S. Carolina..	March 9, do	9
10	JOHN HARLAN.....	16 do ..	W.U.S.District	Introducing spirituous liquors into the Indian country	1 month....	Dec'r 24, 1854...	Cher. Nation	Jan. 24, 1855	10
11	JAMES HARLAN.....	18 do ..	do	do	1 do	do 24, do ...	do do	do 24, do	11
12	WILLIAM MEYERS.....	23 do ..	do	do	1 do	do 24, do ...	Pennsylva'ia	do 24, do	12
13	JESSE TAYLOR.....	25 do ..	do	do	1 do	do 24, do ...	Arkansas...	do 24, do	13
14	JOHN, a Creek Indian.....	unknown	do	do	1 do	do 24, do ...	Creek Nation	do 24, do	14
15	JOHN JONES.....	16 years..	E. U.S. District	Committing depredation on the U. S. Mail	3 do	April 13, 1854...	Illinois	July 13, do	15
16	TUN-IS-COUY, a Cherokee...	40 do ..	W.U.S.District	Introducing spirituous liquors into the Nation.....	2 do	June 4, 1855....	oldC.N.Tenn	Aug'st 4, do	16
17	LEWIS, a slave.....	32 do ..	do	Larceny	9 do	Dec'r 24, 1854...	Virginia	Sept'r 23, do	17
18	ELIJAH VAUGHN.....	24 do ..	do	Larceny	1 year.....	do 24, do ...	Tennessee...	Dec'r 24, do	18
19	SOLDIER WIND, a Cherokee..	20 do ..	do	Larceny	1 do	do 24, do ...	Cher. Nation	do 24, do	19
20	JACKSON, a Cherokee.....	20 do ..	do	Larceny	1 do	do 24, do ...	do do	do 24, do	20
21	KAH-LE-QUAH, a Cherokee..	20 do ..	do	Larceny	1 do	do 24, do ...	do do	do 24, do	21
22	WASHINGTON LATTA, a half breed Cherokee.....	37 do ..	do	Larceny	1 do	do 24, do ..	do do	do 24, do	22
23	TALLEN MAYS, a Cherokee..	20 do ..	do	Larceny	1 do	June 4, 1855.....	oldC.N.Tenn	June 4, 1856..	23
24	AH-THE-O-HUBBA, a Chic'w	25 do ..	do	Larceny	1 do	do 4, do	Ch'w Nation	do 4, do	24
25	McBRIDE.....	35 do ..	do	Selling spirituous liquors into the Nation.....	45 days.....	Dec'r 15, 1855...	Ireland	Jan'y 29, do	25
26	ROBERT WILSON.....	53 do ..	do	Giving spirituous liquors to an Indian.....	15 do ..	Jan'y 5, 1856....	Virginia	do 20, do	26

27	ANDERSON McKANDLESS..	20 do .	do	Giving spirituous liquors to an Indian.....	15 days.....	June 3, 1856.....	Tennessee ..	June 18, 1866	27
28	DICK, New York, a Cherokee..	27 do ..	do	Introdueing spirituous liquors into Indian countries.....	45 do	do 3, do	Unknown..	July 18, 1856	28

TABLE G.

LIST OF CONVICTS—Escaped since October 16th, 1854, up to 1st of October, 1856.

	Names of Convicts.	Ages when received.	Counties sent from.	Crimes Committed.	Terms of sentence.	When committed to prison.	Day of escape.	Day of Expiration of sentence.	
1	THOMAS JOHNSON.....	17 years..	Jefferson.....	Getting goods under false pret.	1 year.....	May 14th, 1855	Nov. 25, 1855	May 13, 1856	1
2	WILLIAM HARDESTE.....	21 do	Jackson	Larceny	1 do	June 30th, do	Mar'h 23, 1856	June 29, do	2

TABLE H.

List of Convicts taken out by order of the Supreme Court for new trial.

	Names of Convicts.	Ages when received.	Counties sent from.	Crimes Committed.	Terms of sentence.	When committed to prison.	Date of taken out the prison.
1	WILLIAM REED, free'm of col.	34 years..	Desha	Manslaughter	4 years ...	April 26th, 1855	September 9, 1857
2	GILBERT M. WILSON,.....	30 do	Arkansas.	Larceny.....	2 do	May 1st, do	do do do

TABLE I.

LIST OF RUNAWAY SLAVES, Remaining in the Arkansas Penitentiary on October the 1st, 1856.

Henry, supposed to be 29 years old, says he belongs to William Ferguson, Mouldon, Russelville county, Alabama; received of the sheriff of Desha county, on March 31st, 1854.

Josiah or Joe, supposed to be 25 or 30 years old, says he belongs to McHanly, Texas, near the Louisiana line; received of the sheriff of Independence county, on November 6th, 1854.

William, supposed to be 30 or 35 years old, says he belongs to John Welton, Rodney on Mississippi river; received of the sheriff of Saline county, on April 17th, 1856.

Joe, supposed to be 30 years old, says he belongs to Alexander Williams, of Madrid county, Missouri, received of the sheriff of Sebastian county, on September the 6th, 1856.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
October 8th, 1856.

MESSRS. GEORGE & ROBINS—

Gentlemen: By your request, I respectfully submit the following report of the sanitary condition of the State Penitentiary, for the two years ending 10th October, 1856.

During the above period, but few mechanical injuries, or casualities of a serious nature have occurred in the prison, and the convicts have generally enjoyed an immunity from general disease, or the ordinary antumnal fevers, commensurate of that with the citizens of the surrounding country.

The summer months of the present year were marked by an aggravated form of dysentery or flux in an epidemic character; and was dependent in my opinion not in errors of diet as is so frequently the case, but was attributable to atmospheric causes, the influence of which is severely felt by those who are subject to the disadvantages of confinement. I frequently visited the mess-room of the establishment, and always found the rations abundant, wholesome and nutritious, and notwithstanding the unusual number of cases, and in many instances, the violence of the attacks to this date, no deaths have occurred from the above disorder.

Since the last reports of the contractors, at least one hundred and fifty cases of disease have been under medical treatment and of that number but two have died, one from consumption and the other from hemorrhage of the lungs.

There are about thirty of the inmates of the prison, who from the infermaties of age and chronic disease are unable to perform any useful labor, and are generally to be seen at the hospital.

The necessity of a suitable room for a hospital has been seriously felt—the shops which have been used for the purpose are entirely unfit without very great improvement.

The sanitary police of the building and grounds has been thorough and efficient.

I take pleasure in acknowledging the uniform courtesy of the clerk and his zeal and efficiency in the administration of the remedies prescribed and the promptness of the contractors in furnishing articles of medicines, etc.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

C. PEYTON, *M. D.*